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[PRICE 52½ PER MONTH]

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

August 22, FOKEEN, British steamer, 502, F. Goddard, Tamsui 13th August, Amoy 20th, and Swatow 21st, General—DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.

August 23, ACTIV, Danish steamer, 1208, Rev. Mr. Holow 20th August, General—ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.

August 22, BELLEPHON, British str., 1,396, T. W. Freeman, Shanghai 15th August, and Foochow 16th, Tea—BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.

August 22, BENEDI, British steamer, 1,000, Foochow, Singapore 16th August, General—GIBSON LIVINGSTON & Co.

August 22, NANSAN, British steamer, 800, Blackburn, Swatow 21st August, General—HOR HING HO.

August 22, P. C. KIAO, British steamer, 1,012, H. Stratton, Bangkok 14th August, and Hoihow 21st, Rice and General—YUEN FONG HONG.

August 22, BYNE, French transport, Legrand, Saigon 18th August.

August 22, FOOGANG, British steamer, 990, Hogg from Whampoa, General—JARDINE, MATTHESON & Co.

August 22, LINO, British steamer, 629, Leitch, from Whampoa, General—JARDINE, MATTHESON & Co.

August 23, FUSHUN, Chinese steamer, 1,504, Cread, from Whampoa, General—C. M. S. N. Co.

August 23, STENTOR, British steamer, 1,307, T. T. Edwards, Woonong 15th August, and Swatow 22nd, General—BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.

August 23, SMIT, Dutch steamer, 821, Bahus, Singapore 16th August, General—CHINESE.

August 23, DORIS, German steamer, 771, W. Zernahn, Swatow 22nd August, General—JARDINE, MATTHESON & Co.

CLEARANCES.

AT THE HARBOURMASTER'S OFFICE
22ND AUGUST.

Melita, German str., for Haiphong.
Ingration, German str., for Honchou.
Strachey, British str., for Kuehnotou.
San Pablo, Amer. str., for Yokohama.
Chi-yuen, Chinese str., for Shanghai.
Nanow, British str., for Swatow.
Ferncoast, British str., for Saigon.
Bellerophon, British str., for Singapor.
Compton, British str., for Shanghai.
Greyhound, British str., for Hoihow.
Glebe, British str., for Shanghai.
Welcombe, British str., for Singapore.
Olympia, German str., for Mantang.

DEPARTURES.

August 22, TETROS, German str., for Bangkok.
August 22, TAICHO, British str., for Swatow.
August 22, CASSANDRA, German str., for Hamburg.
August 22, SAN PABLO, Amer. str., for S. Feineo.
August 22, MARCIA, British str., for Shanghai.
August 22, GILSLAND, British str., for Shanghai.
August 22, SEMAIS, British str., for Swatow.
August 23, WELCOMER, British str., for Cape Town.
August 23, GLAMORGANSHIRE, British str., for Yokohama.
August 23, INGHABAN, German str., for Honchoe.

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Hongkong, 1st August, 1885. [1409]

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

CONTRIBUTING SHAREHOLDERS are requested to send in a STATEMENT OF BUSINESS CONDUCT during the Year ended 30th June, 1885, or before 30th September next, on which date the Accounts will be Closed. By Order of the Board of Directors, D. GILLIES, Secretary. Hongkong, 17th August, 1885. [1501]

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE DIVIDEND of 6 per Cent. or \$750 PER SHARE for the six months ended 30th June, 1885, declared at TO-DAY'S ORDINARY HALF-YEARLY MEETING, will be payable at the Office of the Company on and after 1st September next, and Shareholders are requested to apply for DIVIDEND WARRANTS at the Company's Office, No. 14, Praya Central, Hongkong.

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REPORTS.

The British steamer *Nanshan* reports left Swatow on the 21st August, and experienced light Westerly winds.

The British steamer *Balekzi* reports left Singapore on the 16th August, and had moderate S.W. monsoon and fine, clear weather.

The German steamer *Doris* reports left Swatow on the 22nd August, and had light S.W. monsoon and fine weather throughout.

The British steamer *Bellerophon* reports left Shanghai on the 15th August, and Foochow on the 19th. Experienced light Southerly breeze with fine, clear weather.

The British steamer *Fhrs. C. Kiao* reports left Bangkok on the 14th August, and experienced moderate fresh monsoon and fine weather throughout. Left Hoihow on the 21st, had the easterly weather. In Hoihow str., Greyhound and Wall Yards.

The British steamer *Sledor* reports from Woonong via Swatow on the 15th August, and had light E.S.E. winds and fine, clear weather all the way. Arrived at Swatow on the 18th and left on the 22nd. Had light Easterly winds and fine weather to port.

The British steamer *Eldon* reports left Tamsui on the 18th August, and experienced moderate S.W. winds and shower to Amoy. Left Amoy on the 20th with light monsoon and clear pleasant weather to Swatow. Left Swatow on the 21st, and thence to port moderate S.W. breeze and fine, clear weather with smooth sea. In Tamsui str., Amoy. In Amoy str., Haveron, and C. H. Kiao. In Swatow str., Sledor, Doris, Doris, China, Peiping, Fart, and Nagaph.

VESSELS ARRIVED IN EUROPE FROM PORTS IN CHINA, JAPAN, AND MANILA. (Per last Mail's Advice.)

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S a l e I m p o r t e r s :—
L A N E , C R A W F O R D & C o .

H o n g k o n g , 20th May, 1885. [26]

BANKS.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAIBANKING CORPORATION.

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R E S E R V E F U N D \$4,400,000.
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Hongkong, 26th February 1885. [16]

NOTICE.

RULES OF THE HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.

1.—The business of the above Bank will be conducted by the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation on their premises in Hongkong, between hours on week days, 10 to 3; Saturdays, 10 to 1.

2.—Sums less than \$1, or more than \$250 at one time will not be received. No depositor may deposit more than \$2,500 in any one year.

3.—Depositors in the Savings Bank having \$100 or more at their credit may at their option transfer the same to the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation on their premises in Hongkong, between hours on week days, 10 to 3; Saturdays, 10 to 1.

4.—Interest on the rate of 3% per cent. per annum will be allowed to Depositors on their daily balances.

5.—Each Depositor will be supplied gratis with a Pass-Book which must be presented with each payment or withdrawal. Depositors must not make any entries themselves in their Pass-Books, but should send them in written at least a year before the beginning of January, and bring them in July.

6.—Correspondence as to the business of the Bank if marked on HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK BUSINESS is forwarded free by the various British Post Offices in Hongkong and China.

7.—Withdrawals may be made on demand, but the personal attendance of the Depositor or his duly appointed Agent, and the production of his Pass-Book are necessary.

The above is held under a Crown Lease dated the 11th day of September, 1880, and made between Her Most Gracious Majesty Queen Victoria of the one part and the said William Morgan of the other part, for the unexpired residue of a term of 999 years commencing on the 24th day of December, 1885, at the yearly Rent of \$100.

On the 1st day of April, 1885, the said William Morgan, of the other part, for the sum of £100 per annum, assigned the said Lease to the said William Morgan of the one part, and the said William Morgan of the other part, for the unexpired residue of a term of 999 years commencing on the 24th day of December, 1885, at the yearly Rent of \$100 per annum.

AND ALSO all that Place or Parcel of Ground about the same on the North Side thereof on a Public Street, and measuring thereon 20 feet, on the South Side thereof on Inland Lot No. 332 and measuring thereon 20 feet, on the East Side thereof on Inland Lots Nos. 330 and 302 and measuring thereon 60 feet, and on the West Side thereof on Inland Lot No. 463 and measuring thereon 60 feet, which said Place or Parcel of Ground contains in the whole 1,200 square feet, and is registered in the Land Office in the name of WILLIAM MOSTYN MORGAN.

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All letters for publication should be written on one side of the paper only.

Advertisements and Subscriptions which are not ordered for fixed period will be continued until countermanded.

Orders for extra copies of the *Daily Press* should be sent before 11 a.m. on the day of publication. After that hour the supply is limited.

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HONGKONG, AUGUST 24TH, 1885.

We observe that in connection with the contemplated increase of the garrison of Singapore, the Straits Settlements Association, at a meeting held in London on the 13th ult., have decided to address a recommendation to the Imperial Government that a certain number of Asiatics should be employed. It is a noteworthy fact that the Association made no reference whatever to the possible employment of Chinese in military capacity; such an idea evidently being, out of the question, the *Straits Times* and the late hero of Kharoum notwithstanding. The general opinion of the members of the Association was that Sikhs would prove the best men for the land forces and Malays for the marine work connected with the mines, &c. There can be little doubt of the correctness of this opinion. In one conclusion rushed to by the Association, however, we think they were decidedly mistaken, namely, in believing that, if the master was left to Government, they would probably send Europeans almost entirely.

It is intended at the War Office to strengthen the garrisons of both Singapore and Hongkong, but it was not contemplated, by the late Government at all events, to send out any more English regiments to the Far East. It is probable that one or two more batteries of Royal Artillery may be sent to each colony, but the additional infantry will certainly come from India. We agree with the Straits Settlements Association that Sikhs would be the most suitable men, and a sufficient number could no doubt be spared from India, but it is not certain that they will be sent, and we may have to be content with some inferior Indian infantry. A Malay Regiment might, we should think, easily be raised, as well as the Torpedo Corps, seeing that the Cavalry Corps was formed of Malays. It should be the policy of the British Government, and probably will be that of the Hon. W. H. Smith, the present Secretary of State for War, to economise the strength of the British Line as much as possible, and to employ only as many regiments in tropical colonies and stations as are absolutely indispensable. For this reason there is little likelihood of any augmentation of the Singapore and Hongkong garrisons from England. Nor will the garrisons be reinforced much until the fortifications approach completion.

In relation to this matter it is satisfactory to have the assurance of the Secretary of State for War that the Government propose "to complete the fortifications of Aden, Hongkong, Singapore, Trincomalee, and other principal coaling stations before those of small importance." It would be still more satisfactory if Mr. W. H. Smith could give us some definite idea as to when these fortifications will be completed. We should like to know that there will be no unreasonable or unnecessary delays in the work, that there will be no suspension of operations, in consequence of the more pacific aspects of affairs abroad. The defence works are going on in this Colombo at the present moment, but hardly with the activity we should like to see, and the big guns are still conspicuous by their absence. We can only hope that they will be despatched from England as soon as they are ready. There has been enough procrastination in connection with the fortifications, and the colonists, as well as those at home who have a stake in Singapore and Hongkong, will be relieved when they know the two ports are in a position to repel all hostile attack. A fear, based on past experience of official apathy, exists that if the strained relations between England and Russia are succeeded by a peaceful arrangement of the Afghan frontier difficulty, the defensive preparations in the outposts of the empire may once again be allowed to slide. This must not be permitted, for any settlement of the Anglo-Russian dispute can only be regarded as temporary, seeing the restless and aggressive nature of Muscovite policy. In any case, even supposing we clasp hands with the Tsar in an everlasting alliance, we ought now the less to make such preparations for the defence of our widely scattered empire and our numerous mercantile navy as to render war with another power improbable because dangerous to the foe. A display of wealth weakly defended, on the other hand, is sure to excite cupidity and invite attack.

The French transport *Byne*, Captain Logrand, from Saigon 18th instant, arrived here on Saturday.

The P. & O. steamer *Vespa*, with the next outward English mail, left Singapore at 2 p.m. on Friday last for this port.

The British barkantine *Mount Lebanon*, Captain C. H. Nelson, arrived at Honolulu on July 2nd, from Hongkong.

The *Daily News* says that Mr. Chakner Alahmar, I. B. M. Consul at Hankow, will act as Consul-General at Shanghai during the absence of the ship *P. J. Haynes*.

The British ship *Hudson* and *St. Cloud*, from Philadelphia with cargoes, arrived at Kobe on Aug 8th and 11th, having made the passage in 123 and 149 days respectively.

With the exception of the Government Astronaut's report for the month of March last, Saturday's *Gazette* contains nothing but advertisements and old notifications.

The Agent informs us that the O. & O. S. S. Co.'s steamer *Archie*, with mails, &c., to the 1st August from San Francisco, has arrived at Yokohama about the time for Hongkong on Saturday.

The *Straits Times* of the 13th inst. announces the sudden death of Captain J. A. Bennett, of the Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, but neither the date of the sad event nor the cause thereof are given.

The *Japan Mail* learns that His Excellency Sir George Bowes will leave Japan on Saturday, 27th ult., bound for Hongkong, the benefit of the waters of which he is desirous of taking. He is probably a passenger by the O. & O. S. S. Co.'s ship *Archie*, which left Hongkong on Aug 15th.

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EXCHANGE

ON LONDON	
Telegraphic Transfer	3/61
Bank Bills on demand	3/61
Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight	3/61
Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight	3/61
Credits, at 4 months' sight	3/61
Documentary Bills, at 4 months' sight	3/61
PARIS	3/74
Bank Bills, at demand	4/45
Credits, at 4 months' sight	4/45
NEW YORK	3/61
Bank Bills on demand	3/61
Credits, 60 days' sight	3/61
ON BOMBAY	2/27
Telegraphic Transfer	2/27
Bank, on demand	2/27
ON CALCUTTA	2/27
Telegraphic Transfer	2/27
Bank, on demand	2/27
ON SHANGHAI	2/27
Bank, at sight	7/3
Private, 30 days' sight	7/4

SHARES.
Hongkong Fire—Cash sales have been made at \$3673 per share.
Dow Jones charged hands at 61 per cent. premium or div. for the end of the month.

Quotations are—

Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Shares—166 per cent. premium

Union Insurance Society of Canton, Limited—\$490 per share.

China Traders' Insurance Company's Shares—94 per cent. or div.

North China Insurance—Tls. 300 per share.

Yantze River Insurance Association—Tls. 180 per share.

Chinese Insurance Company, Limited—\$170 per share.

On Tai Insurance Company, Limited—Tls. 145 per share.

Gantic Insurance Office, Limited—\$82 per share.

Hongkong Fire Insurance Company's Shares—\$3674 per share.

China First Insurance Company's Shares—\$75 per share.

Hongkong and Shanghai Deck Company's Shares—61 per cent. prem. or div.

Hongkong, Canton, and Macao Steamboat Co.'s Shares—\$45 per share premium, or div.

Indo-China Steam Navigation Co.'s Shares—172 per cent. discount.

China Merchants' Steamship Company, Limited—30 per cent. discount.

Douglas Steamship Company, Limited—5 per cent. premium.

Hongkong Gas Company's Shares—\$90 per share.

Hongkong Hotel Company's Shares—\$160 per share.

China Sugar Refining Company, Limited—\$38 per share.

China Sugar Refining Company (Debentures)—1 per cent. premium—notional.

Luzon Sugar Refining Company, Limited—\$80 per share.

Hongkong Lee Company's Shares—\$147 per share.

Hongkong and China Bakery Company, Limited—\$118 per share.

Perak Sugar Manufacturing and Smelting Company—\$90 per share.

Selangor Tin Mining Company—\$13 per share.

Perak Sugar Cultivation Company—Tls. 12 per share.

Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Company, Limited—\$63 per share.

Chinese Imperial Loan of 1884 A—2 per cent. premium.

Chinese Imperial Loan of 1884 B—5 per cent. premium.

Chinese Imperial Loan of 1884 C—5 per cent. premium.

HONGKONG TEMPERATURE.

(From Messrs. Fawcett & Co.'s Register.)

August 2nd.

Temperature in °F. Height in feet.

Barometer in mm. Height in feet.

Thermometer—A.M. 68. Thermometer—P.M. 73.

Thermometer—A.M. (Wet bulb) 73. Thermometer—P.M. (Wet bulb) 74.

Thermometer—Maxima 47. Thermometer—Minima 31.

HONGKONG TIDE-TABLE.

Dates to 30th August, 1885.

TIDE-WATER.

Low Water.

High Water.

Mean Time.

Height.

Mean Time.

EXTRACT.

THE BURIED MOTHER.
Out by the walls of a Danish town
The graves stood cold as the night came down.
The Angels' prayer had long been said,
And the bell tolled out the peal for the dead.
It swung for a while from the darkening steeps,
"Out of the depths," said priest and people.
Through all the close-set town and towers
The doors were shut for the silent hours.
But a mother, buried half a year,
Woke with a crying in her ear.
She rose with the vixen sleep still in her head,
And clad in the shroud that wraps the dead.
She felt her long-dead bosom ache,
For her seven children were all awake;
She left the cold graves under the walls,
And took the streak to her husband's halls.
And none had broken those bread that night,
Or poured them drink, or trimmed a light.
And none had laid them pillow or sheet;
The dust of the day was on their feet.
Two strove for an empty cup, and one
Was crying—that was her youngest son.
She washed and kissed them, and bidden their cries,
While tears present out of her long-dead eyes.
"But their father, who lay on a lower floor,
Had heard her step in the corridor.
And he rose at once, and saw her dead;
With the children clinging to other hand.
She said: "The crying stings my heart;
It breaks my dreams of death apart."
I was loth to leave these seven. I died;
But when have I slept when the child cried?

—Alice Meynell.

A COLOURED WOMAN'S GREAT WORK.
To-day (May 21) witnessed the interment in the tomb of the Order, at the old St. Louis Cemetery, New Orleans, of a distinguished coloured woman—Mother Josephine Charles, founder of the Roman Catholic Order of the Sisters of the Holy Family. Josephine was the daughter of a German father and a free mulatto woman born in this city in 1816. She grew up a beautiful woman, eager to learn and exhibiting strong traits of character, with an earnest religious inclination, and she received the best education allowed to people of her race and caste. Early in life she found delight in doing good, feeding the poor and teaching the catechism to the neglected coloured children. She was wont to attend the religious ceremonies at the Carmelite convent. She found two free coloured girls imbued with the same spirit, and the three determined to begin carrying out their aims, a mammoth undertaking for three weak women, Josephine, Charles, Harriet de Lisle, and Juliet Gaudent vowed to devote all they had of earthly means to establish an order for the education of young ladies of colour and the succour and relief of poor, helpless old coloured people and orphan girls. Those were slavery days. The first work undertaken by the little religious community was the teaching of poor slave children, and, encouraged by the Catholic clergy, although breakers of the statute law, the famous black code making their labour a crime, they accomplished a great deal. A convent was established on Chartres Street. Many sisters were enrolled, who assumed the habit of the Sisters of Charity. Since the war the Order, through Josephine Charles's wise management and excellent discipline, has been established on a substantial basis. The sisters, in 1880, established a mother house in Orleans, between Royal and Bourbon Streets, near the cathedral, and on the historic site of the old Orleans Theatre. Here postulants for the sisterhood are received, and here a Christian education is given to poor coloured girls. Mother Josephine did not confine her work to the house over which she presided. Three years after opening the house on Chartres Street, she founded a branch at Orléans. In 1875 she opened a home for aged and infirm coloured people on St. Bernard, between Villiers and Marais Streets. On January 22, 1879, she instituted an orphan asylum for coloured girls at the corner of Tonti and Hospital Streets. She increased the Order constantly by her teaching and her example, and accomplished a great work of benefit for the coloured people. Her labours are all the more wonderful and creditable when it is known that for a number of years her eyesight has been failing, and that for the last six years she was stone-blind. From her couch of pain she continued the direction of the affairs of the Order. She was buried with all the honour of a saint, in the presence of thousands of earnest mourners.—New York Times.

THE INFLUENCE OF FORESTS ON CLIMATE.

The commencement of a scientific investigation of this subject was made when the Bavarian forest meteorological stations were established, and when Prussia, Alsace-Lorraine, France, Switzerland, and Italy followed the example. As a general rule, it may be laid down that in the warm seasons the between forests and places close at hand which are treeless, (1) the temperature of the earth and air is lower in the former; (2) their variations are less; (3) the relative humidity is greater. After examining observations as to evaporation, Herr Woske states that the influence of forests in diminishing evaporation from water and the soil is so great that it cannot be accounted for alone by the lower temperature of the hot months, the greater humidity, or even by the shade. An important influence, which has hitherto been but little appreciated, is the protection from the wind afforded by the trees, and this writer regards as more important than all the others together in reducing the degree of evaporation. With regard to the influence of forests on rain and snowfall, there is as yet only a single series of observations supplying comparative statistics, and extending over a sufficiently long period. These were taken in the neighbourhood of Nancy, and they show an important influence of forests in increasing the rainfall. It might be expected that the effect of forests on rain in the climate of Central Europe—in winter would be small, for the difference between the temperature and humidity of the forest and the open is very little, and the quantity of moisture in the atmosphere is small. But the observations show that it is this time of the year that forests get much more rain. This, the writer attributes to the clouds being lower, the resistance which the forest offers to the movement of the air, and to the moist west wind. Forests retain more by the undergrowth of grass, moss, &c., much better than open ground, and let water off superficially only after a heavy rainfall; the remainder filters upwards slowly, and much of it is used for the evaporation of the trees. Although forests, especially thick luxuriant forests, cannot exist without certain supplies of moisture, yet is the same to them when the supplies come, for they retain what they get and use it over a long period. One example of this is the Lankora forest on the west coast of the Caspian, where the vegetation is more luxuriant than in any other part of Europe, yet very little rain falls in summer, but the rainfall in autumn and winter is great. The water is stored up by the forest, and is used in evaporation during the heat of summer. Humidity of the atmosphere, however, is

not inconsistent with a high temperature, as the Red Sea shows; but in forests the humidity is due to the evaporation of the leaves—in other words, to a process by which heat is converted into work, and hence the coolness. Herr Woske then endeavours to ascertain the influence of forests on the climatic conditions of their neighbourhoods in the western parts of the Old World; between the 38th and 52nd degrees N. latitude, the places selected being in all cases in the open. Thus for the 52nd degree eight stations are taken between Valencia in Ireland on the west and the Kirghiz steppes on the east; for the 50th, Guernsey on the west, Semipalatinsk on the east, and 13 stations, and so on for each 2 deg. of latitude to 38 deg. The general result of the observations in 50 stations in six different degrees of latitude is that in Western Europe and Asia large forests have a great influence on the temperature of places near them, and that by their influence the normal increase of temperature as we travel eastward from the Atlantic Ocean to the interior of the continent is not merely interrupted, but they give places far removed from the coast a cooler summer than those actually on the sea. A striking example of this is Bosnia. An examination of the statistics shows (1) that in Bosnia the summer is 2 deg. to 4 deg. cooler than in Herzegovina; (2) even on the island of Lissa, in the full influence of the Adriatic Sea, the summer temperature is more than a degree higher than that of Bosnia; which is separated by lofty mountain ranges from the sea. Bosnia has this comparatively cool summer to its great forests, while Herzegovina is almost disforested. To sum up, forests exercise an influence on climate which does not cease on their borders, but extends over a larger or smaller adjacent region according to the size, kind, and position of forest. Hence man by afforestation and deforestation can modify the climate around him; but it is an extreme position to hold that by afforestation the waste places of the earth can be made fertile. There are places incapable of being afforested, which would not give the necessary nourishment to trees.—Petermann's *Mittheilungen*.

WAS CARLYLE A GOOD HUSBAND.
Since the publication of the Letters and Memorials of Jane Welsh Carlyle, the public has been much concerned about the domestic affairs of her and her husband. There were faults on both sides. She was not more easy to live with than was he, at even her own mother, had discovered. Charming, witty, brilliant, affectionately playful as she naturally was, she had "a hot temper, and a tongue, when she was angry, like a cat's, which would take the skin off at a touch." Carlyle's faults, which in his late remorse he has written about him, and is worth something better than blowing bottles. I'll ask him to super, you must meet him. I like the lad." So Eckermann met Carlyle and they sat chatting together at the professor's till midnight, when they quitted without a thought of the close union that would one day subdivide between them. Two years passed. During that time Ostryan had been in a glass shop in Belgium, and had given it up to become usher in Porro's school. Eckermann left the university of Paris and came to Pfalzburg, where he called on Porro. His old master was reading a manuscript when Eckermann came in. "Look here," said he. "Do you remember meeting a lad here at your last visit? That lad is now a teacher in my school, and is bent on entering the world of letters. In spite of his father's wishes, he has turned his back on Porro. His old master was reading a manuscript when Eckermann came in. "Look here," said he. "Do you remember meeting a lad here at your last visit? That lad is now a teacher in my school, and is bent on entering the world of letters. In spite of his father's wishes, he has turned his back on Porro. His old master was reading a manuscript when Eckermann came in. "Look here," said he. "Do you remember meeting a lad here at your last visit? That lad is now a teacher in my school, and is bent on entering the world of letters. In spite of his father's wishes, he has turned his back on Porro. 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